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SUBJECT: ZAGREB UPDATE: JUNE 23, 1992

SUMMARY

[1](#)1. THE OSIJEK MAYOR THREATENED TO RESIGN IF THE
MILITARY DOES NOT POLICE UP LAWLESS ELEMENTS WITHIN
ITS RANKS. THE MOD AGAIN DENIED THAT CROATIAN UNITS
ARE FIGHTING IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA. VP MESIC CALLED
ON HDZ CROATS IN B-H TO COOPERATE WITH ALL POLITICAL
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PARTIES. THE PAKRAC COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS RETURNED
TO ITS SEAT AFTER A NINE MONTH EXILE. DUBROVNIK AND
SURROUNDING REGIONS WERE SHELLED OVER THE WEEKEND.
SLOVENIAN RTV DIRECTOR RESIGNED AFTER COMPLAINING OF
POLITICAL INTERFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

OSIJEK MAYOR KRAMARIC THREATENS RESIGNATION

[1](#)2. THE YOUNG AND DYNAMIC MAYOR OF THE EMBATTLED
CROATIAN TOWN OF OSIJEK, ZLATKO KRAMARIC, COMPLAINED
TO A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE LOCAL MILITARY POLICE
ARE FAILING TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIMINAL ELEMENTS WHO
HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO THE ARMY. HE CITED A
RECENT CAR BOMBING WHICH KILLED A YOUNG CROAT MAN AS
THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF A GROWING LAWLESS TREND IN
THE TOWN. HE SAID THAT IF THE MILITARY POLICE WILL
NOT PREVENT CRIMES CARRIED OUT BY ARMED RENEGADES
DRESSED IN UNIFORMS, HE WILL BE OBLIGED TO SUBMIT HIS
RESIGNATION. KRAMARIC HAD ASKED SEVERAL TIMES THAT
THE MILITARY POLICE AND MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, SO
FAR WITHOUT RESULT, GET RID OF THOSE CRIMINALS WHO
ARE BURNING HOUSES, SHOPS, AND CARS. ACCORDING TO
THE MAYOR, THE ARMED FORCES DID NOT DO ENOUGH TO
PREVENT THE RECRUITMENT OF PEOPLE WITH AN UNSAVORY
BACKGROUND, AND THESE PERSONS NOW TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THEIR UNIFORMS AND WEAPONS TO CARRY OUT CRIMINAL
ACTS.

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CROATIAN MOD DENIES ITS UNITS ARE IN B-H

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[1](#)3. THE CROATIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS ISSUED
ANOTHER DENIAL THAT ITS UNITS ARE ENGAGED IN
BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA. THE MOD NOTED, AS IT HAS
PREVIOUSLY, THAT A NUMBER OF DEMOBILIZED MEMBERS OF

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THE CROATIAN ARMY WHO ARE CITIZENS OF B-H HAD
RETURNED TO DEFEND THEIR HOMETOWNS. THE MINISTRY
INVITED INTERESTED JOURNALISTS TO INVESTIGATE THIS
MATTER WITH THE MINISTRY'S ASSISTANCE. LOCAL
SOURCES CLAIM THAT SOME, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ALL, OF
THE CONFUSION REVOLVES AROUND ARM PATCH
IDENTIFICATIONS. IN CROATIAN, THE MILITARY PATCHES
CARRY AN "HV" FOR "HRVATSKA VOJSKA" (CROATIAN ARMY).

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SOME B-H UNITS COMPOSED OF CROATIAN NATIONALITY
DEFENDERS CARRY ARMS PATCHES "HVO," WHICH IS
"HRVATSKO VIJECE OBRANE" (CROATIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL).
SIGHTINGS OF THESE PATCHES ON THE B-H FRONT, OR
PERHAPS EVEN ON DEMOBILIZED FORMER-HV BOSNIAN
SOLDIERS WHO KEPT THEIR ORIGINAL "HV" PATCHES FOR
PERSONAL REASONS, GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT CROATIAN
ARMY UNITS ARE PRESENT IN STRENGTH IN
BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA.

MESIC IN LJUBUSKI CALLS FOR CROAT/B-H COOPERATION

14. STIPE MESIC, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE RULING HDZ (CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION), WHICH INCLUDES "OFF-SHORE" BRANCHES, VISITED LJUBUSKI (HERCEGOVINA) TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP OF HDZ TO OTHER PARTIES IN B-H. MESIC CALLED ON THE HDZ TO IMPROVE ITS EFFORTS TO WORK WITH OTHER POLITICAL GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY. HE LAMENTED THE RECENT ARMED CLASH BETWEEN THE "HVO" (CROATIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL) UNITS AND THE "TO" (B-H TERRITORIAL DEFENSE) UNITS WHICH RESULTED IN TEN INJURED. MESIC ALSO STOPPED IN MEDJUGORJE WHERE HE MET WITH AMERICAN AND FRENCH PILGRIMS WHO WERE AT THE CATHOLIC SHRINE TO CELEBRATE THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE HOLY VIRGIN.

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LIFE RETURNS TO PAKRAC

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15. ON JUNE 23, THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FOR PAKRAC COUNTY (UNPROPOP SECTOR WEST) RETURNED TO THE TOWN AFTER NINE MONTHS OF EXILE. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THE TWELVE TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THIS AREA. RESETTLEMENT WILL BE

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NEITHER FAST NOR EASY. NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF THE HOUSES ARE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES, SOME 1,500 INHABITANTS OF PAKRAC, LIPIK AND PREKOPAKRA, HAVE ALREADY RETURNED ON THEIR OWN. THE GLASS FACTORY IN PAKRAC HAS STARTED PRODUCTION BUT AT A REDUCED CAPACITY BECAUSE OF WAR DAMAGE. THE BOTTLING OF THE WELL KNOWN MINERAL WATER "LIPICKI STUDENAC" WILL BE RESUMED AT THE BEGINNING

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OP NEXT MONTH.

UPDATE ON DUBROVNIK

16. ACCORDING TO THE ZAGREB PRESS, DURING THE WEEKEND JNA/SERB SHELLING RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS SUCH AS THE CHURCHES OF ST. JOSEPH AND ST. VLAHO, THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, AS WELL AS THE FRANCISCAN AND DOMINICAN MONASTERIES, PALACE SPONZA, THE MUSICAL SCHOOL, AND MANY HOUSES ON STRADUN (THE OLDEST STREET IN DUBROVNIK). EXPLOSIVES FELL ALSO ON OTHER PARTS OF DUBROVNIK, PLOCE AND PILE. THE MAYOR'S ASSISTANT IN DUBROVNIK ON JUNE 23, TOLD US THAT JNA/SERB FORCES SHELLED THE OUTSKIRTS OF DUBROVNIK, RIJEKA DUBROVACKA, AND MOKOSICA ON JUNE 22. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, IT WAS QUIET THIS MORNING IN THE DUBROVNIK AREA.

SLOVENIAN RTV DIRECTOR RESIGNED

17. ON JUNE 19, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SLOVENIAN RADIO AND TV, JANEZ JEROVSEK, SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION. ACCORDING TO JEROVSEK, THE INFLUENCE OF "THE LEADING PARTY" (PRIME MINISTER DRNOVSEK'S LIBERAL DEMOCRATS) ON TV AND RADIO IS SO STRONG THAT IT RENDERS "IMPOSSIBLE" REGULAR WORK. HE ACCUSED DRNOVSEK'S LIBERAL DEMOCRATS OF USING THE MASS MEDIA TO START THEIR RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. RTV COUNCIL MEMBER, PAVLE GANTAR, COUNTERED THAT JEROVSEK'S

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ACCUSATION OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE WAS RAISED IN ORDER TO HIDE THE ACTUAL ECONOMIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFICULTIES OF SLOVENIAN TV. EINIK

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